

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 30, 2021- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on November 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Faye Hay, Commissioners' Secretary and Karla Bauman Auditor.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

COVID Update – Health Department: Deborah Tibbetts, supervising nurse at the health department came to the commissioners' meeting to give a Covid-19 update. She also requested permission to hire a part-time employee with the vaccine grant money the County received to begin training for the health department's secretary position. The current secretary will be retiring next year. The County still has not received the \$100,000 grant money for the EMS test site.

John Palmer- Internet Companies: John Palmer came before Commissioners to talk about various grants that may become available for companies to bring broadband to Franklin County. He presented a map of Franklin County with those areas to the Commissioners. Each company would like a letter of support from the Commissioners. Commissioners should be able to have a letter of support for John at their next meeting. Commissioner Linkel stated that he had talked with Bill Schirmer with Franklin County EMS and that they are short on money and would like to have some of the ARP money the County has received. Mr. Palmer stated that the County along with the Town of Brookville were awarded under the HELP program which will help in the spending of the ARP money on projects. The EMS request as well as the proposed handicap project would both be projects to consider from the ARP money. Cincinnati Bell is interested in bringing broadband to 200 homes they will cost approximately \$400,000. They would like the County to pay ½ or \$200,000 of it.

Emergency Call List – Commissioners reviewed the emergency call list and requested one change be made to it. Change "Commissioners Office" to "EMA" will contact the three local channels 5, 9 and 12 as well as the two local radio stations (Batesville and Connersville). **Motion to approve the emergency call list with that change by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

New EMA Volunteers: Amy Lindsey, EMA Director requested that Matt Young and Aaron Wilson, two new volunteers be approved and appointed by the Commissioners. **Motion to approve Matt Young and Aaron Wilson by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

INDOT DocuSign – Resolution 2021-43: **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-43 authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute any INDOT agreements, that were previously approved by vote of the Board of Commissioners by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

INDOT Harvey's Branch Bridge Project – Financial Commitment Letter: Commissioners reviewed the proposed Financial Commitment letter for the bridge project of bridge 163 over Harvey Branch Creek as part of the Oldenburg funding application. The County's portion is expected to be \$400,000.00. Franklin County will enter into an interlocal agreement with Oldenburg. **Motion to have President**

Linkel sign the financial commitment letter for the Harvey Branch Creek project Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

ADA & Title IV Letter: Motion to have Gerald Wendel sign the ADA & Title VI Letter by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

DLZ ADA Contract: Motion to approve the payment of \$10,200.00 payment to DLZ for the study to be done on the proposed ADA project at the Government Center by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

2022 UST Compliance Services Proposal - Motion to approve Creek Run L.L.C. Environmental Engineering (Creek Run) for underground storage tank compliance at \$300.00 per month by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Mobil COMM Proposal – Sheriff: Commissioners reviewed Letter of Intent to Purchase for the Sheriff to purchase the AVTEC Console upgrade at a total cost of \$180,151.42, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Franklin County Transportation Grant Agreement: Commissioners reviewed the Franklin County Transportation Grant agreement which will run from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Motion to approve President Linkel signing the Franklin County Transportation Grant Agreement for 2022 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

GIS Limited Use Agreement: Motion to sign the GIS Limited Use Agreement with iWorQ Systems by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes – October 19, 2021: Motion to approve the October 19, 2021 minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, motion carried. Tom Linkel abstained.

Minutes – November 16, 2021: Motion to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims: Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$353667.88 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Payroll & Payroll Deductions: Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions in the total sum of \$223,305.43 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Carlos Monroe – Apologized to everybody and also discussed water power in Franklin County.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

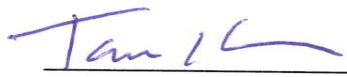
Others Present in Person: John Palmer, Bridget Hayes, Pete Cates, Deborah Tibbetts, Nanette Beres, Marty Hon

AYES:


NAYS:


Gerald Wendel

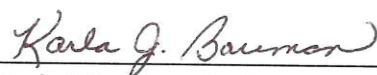
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ATTESTED BY: 
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

12-14-2021